

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Office of the Governor

APRIL - FOOD FOR VICTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, it is plain, from the continued bulletins and information emanating from departments and officers of the federal government, and from the continued extending of the scope of the food rationing program, that a shortage of food products of all kinds will continue hereafter during the war, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the war effort of the country that all persons aid toward alleviating this food shortage and toward producing and preserving for our own use and for supplies to our allies as much food of every kind as possible, and

WHEREAS, by concerted and intelligent effort we may increase greatly in South Dakota the amount of our normal food production, both for shipment out of the state and for our own use here at home,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M Q Sharpe, Governor of the State of South Dakota, by virtue of the emergency war powers vested in me by Senate Bill 30 of the twenty-eighth legislative session of South Dakota, and as an aid to the war effort of the nation, and for the purpose of making reasonable preparation for our own future needs, do hereby proclaim:

That the month of April 1943 be generally observed throughout the State as

FOOD FOR VICTORY MONTH

That as a part of such observance all citizens make an industrious and planned effort to plant gardens for production of as much food material as possible, and to follow such effort through with plans for preservation by canning and storage of food products to the end that the home supplies of preserved food may be sufficient for our own needs, thereby releasing the output of canning factories for general public use, supply of our military forces, and aid to our allies.

That all communities throughout the state commence immediate planning to encourage more general planting of both gardens and fields to all kinds of food products; to assist farmers so that all possible labor, supplies, equipment, and general aid of all kinds will be available and conveniently offered to them for the production, harvesting, and preservation of all kinds of food-producing crops, in as large quantities as possible.

That all local defense councils, American Legion and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other similar patriotic

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organizations, city and town service clubs of all kinds, immediately commence promotion of this work by planning and action.

That we all recognize the following facts: that the time to act is now, because food that is not planted now is not going to be gathered nor preserved this fall; that the probability of actual shortage is much more likely than it may seem at this moment; that we may do much good for others and save ourselves much privation and inconvenience next fall, winter, and spring, by acting industriously and intelligently now.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Pierre, this twenty-seventh day of March 1943.

M Q Sharpe
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Mrs L M Larsen
Secretary of State

(Great Seal of the State of
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